



Tier 2 Consultation Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2008

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

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	Ross Patronsky	CMAP
	Mark Pitstick	RTA
	Chad Riddle	IDOT District One
	Mike Rogers	IEPA (via telephone)
	Vicky Tan	PACE
	Betsy Tracy	IDOT OP&P (via telephone)
	Mike Walczak	NWMC
	Kermit Wies	CMAP

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes December 10, 2007

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2007 meeting, as was made. The motion carried unanimously.

4.0 I-55 at Smith St (Arsenal Rd) (Will/Channahon Townships), TIP ID 12-98-0008

CMAP staff and IDOT District 1 described the project. It is moving an interchange by about a mile, no access is changing. The team concluded the proper work type is reconstruction (an exempt work type) and thus no conformity analysis is required.

5.0 TIP Change and Project Grouping Procedures

Revised TIP Change and Project Grouping Procedures were previously distributed to the team. There was much discussion regarding this item and many agreements were reached.

- The procedures will only affect federal dollars.
- Adding a new phase that is not currently in the TIP is considered a major change in project/project phase initiation date.
- Funding sources will be clearly described; OTH and FTA will no longer be viable funding sources.
- Any increase or decrease of a project that surpasses the threshold below will be considered an amendment.

Percent Change	Federal Project or Project Group Cost (\$1,000)
100%	\$0-\$999
50%	\$1,000-\$4,999
25%	\$5,000-\$9,999
20%, up to \$10M	≥\$10,000

- All TIP amendments that do not require a conformity analysis will be subject to a three (3) day public comment and approval by the Transportation Committee. This agreement was subsequently changed to seven (7) days.
- All line items not in the first four years of the TIP are considered illustrative.

All changes were agreed on by the team.

6.0 Agreements

Previous agreements that were approved between the CATS MPO Policy Committee and other agencies were reviewed and may need to be revised due to the creation of CMAP and new federal regulations. As CMAP staff interprets the regulations, there are four (4) agreements that need to be revised or created.

- 1.) MPO, State, and public transportation operator(s) determine their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process
- 2.) State DOT, State EPA, affected local agencies, and the MPO describe the process for cooperative planning and analysis of all projects outside the MPA within the nonattainment or maintenance area.
- 3.) If more than one MPO has been designated to serve an urbanized area, an agreement is needed among the MPOs, the State(s), and the public transportation operator(s) describing how the metropolitan transportation planning process will be coordinated to assure the development of consistent metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs across the MPA boundaries.
- 4.) If the MPO is not the designated agency for air quality planning under section 174 of the Clean Air Act, an agreement is needed between the MPO and the designated air quality planning agency describing their respective roles and responsibilities for air quality related transportation planning.

CMAQ staff advised the Team that the first three agreements are in place but use the CATS name rather than the CMAQ name. The second agreement could be revised, as one of the townships in Grundy County is now included in the MPA. CMAQ and IEPA staffs are researching whether the fourth agreement is included in a SIP.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Consultation team was left on call.

8.0 Adjournment